

“A Powerful Life of Passion, Purity and Purpose, Lived with Pleasure”

These words are a snapshot of the brief life of Jim Elliot (1927–1956). He is perhaps best known as one of the five martyrs of Ecuador who knowingly lay down his life, fulfilling his journal entry which has become so well known: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

The story of these modern Christian martyrs was originally brought to the attention of believers and non-believers alike through unprecedented coverage in the news and in Life magazine in 1956. Many more came to know more about his remarkable life and thinking through the diligent efforts of his wife Elisabeth, who excerpted gems from Jim's journals and shared them with the world, along with her own valuable insights and stories from her own steadfast life of faith in her book, *Beyond the Gates of Splendor*, first published in 1968.

Recently, through the efforts of Steve Saint, the story has become known to a new generation through the movie, "*End of the Spear*." But Jim Elliott's life was so much more than a book or a movie.

In a brochure recently published by a Christian school that carries his name, we learn more about this remarkable man –

Jim Elliot experienced life in big gulps, as a restless, energetic, and bold guy. He was straight as an arrow -- in your face, and sometimes uncomfortable to be around in his intensity. "If the Lord is God, follow Him!" No ifs, ands or buts! He had little patience for people who were cautious.

He had tremendous fun in life -- was a superb athlete, serious student, trickster, rabble-rouser, debater, one who couldn't stand the ordinary and the boring. He loved his family deeply, wasn't afraid to be corny in his sentiments.

He was open in his searching -- wanting far more than he felt he could really obtain in the depth of his devotion and single-mindedness. He would rather have people tell him to calm down and think it through, etc., rather than waiting to "get inspired."

He was good at recruiting people -- he loved the interaction of people who had strong opinions and weren't shy about voicing them. He was good at being the crazy glue that puts together opposites.

He was just full of the joy of life -- praying hard, working hard, studying hard, playing hard, laughing and provoking and moving through his walk with tremendous energy, willing to put it all on the line and trusting that God was going to guide and provide.

Jim Elliot was the kind of solid, challenging, totally dedicated Christian guy we want our kids to hang out with. We want them to be like that!



THE FAMILY OF GOD

At Clear Creek

Connecting People to God and to Each Other

April 6, 2008



A warm welcome is extended to all who have come to worship. Let us express our love to God and our deep appreciation for His bountiful goodness. With prayer and song, with scripture and devout responses, with minds ready to receive the Word of God, and with our spirits dedicated to God's will, let us eagerly approach the throne of grace. If you are our guest today, we are delighted that you have joined us for our celebration of God's love. Our period of worship usually begins with congregational singing and a prayer. Before or after the sermon, we commemorate Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection with a symbolic Last Supper. This is followed by a monetary collection used to support our ministries here at Clear Creek. During our afternoon service, we have a special time of worship for children ages 3-5 called "Wee Worship." If you would like for your child to attend, one of the ushers can assist you in finding the room. Again, we welcome you to the Clear Creek Church of Christ. We pray that you will be blessed by your time with us and that God will be glorified by our period of worship today.

Family News & Coming Events

Women's Softball: Any ladies interested in playing women's softball please contact Kara Crossman at pcsoccer@bellsouth.net or 875-6797. The season is set to start the week of April 21.

Starting April 7: Family and individual counseling services with **Pam Johnson** will be changing to Mondays. Her hours are from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. If you have need of this service, call the office at 877-6232.

April 10: Fundraiser for Chattanooga Room In The Inn. It will be held at The Chattanooga Choo Choo from 11:30-1:00 pm. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets, call Room In the Inn at 624-6144.

April 11-13: Church-wide Retreat at Camp Vesper Point in Soddy Daisy. Our theme will be "Seeing Clear-ly," and Chris Smith from Harpeth Hill Church of Christ in Brentwood will be our speaker. All are encouraged to attend. A \$50 deposit is due at time of registration. **Register TODAY. All balances due on 4/6 if you have already registered.**

April 16: Will be the next Wednesday night meal. Be sure to sign up.

April 20: Elders/Deacons meeting in the church office at 12:00 noon.

April 22: Chattanooga Room In The Inn Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Please RSVP before April 15 to 624-6144.

Pulpit Search Committee: Our search committee consists of: **Butch Hannah (chairman), Suzanne Belcher, Jana Cannon, Jill Hartness, Clay Parker, Melanie Pope, Lila Statom, Ben Vance, Katie Warren and Todd Zumbrun.** If you know of a candidate that is worthy of consideration, please give any name and relevant information to one of the committee. We also solicit your continual prayers for this important decision for Clear Creek.

WBS: We have 200 new students, some from Ghana and some from South Africa. They are in bundles or lists of 9, 10, or 12. Please take one and send them out. Use Ghana lessons for Ghana and the other lessons for South Africa.

Office Position Available: The church office has a full-time **and** part-time position open for a Receptionist/Secretary. If you or someone you know is interested, please forward a resume to Jim Beasley.

There will be a Mother/Daughter Brunch at the Tea Cottage on **May 24th** at 10am. Sign ups will begin in May. More information to follow. Contact Wendy Haustein for info. 332-0712

August 6-9: Summer Camp for current 3rd- 8th graders! It will be at Camp Vesper in Soddy Daisy and the cost is \$135 per camper. More details to come!

Children's Ministry

Today: Camp Volunteer Planning Meeting at noon in MP room. Come ready to share theme ideas and finalize schedule. Contact Phil, Jana or Laura if you have questions.

April 7: Mommy 'N Me Playgroup (4 years and under) Meet at Scramble Alley Playground (Soddy Daisy) 11 am - 1 pm, bring a picnic lunch. Located behind Soddy Daisy Municipal building, 9835 Dayton Pike. In case of rain, we will meet at Northgate play area.

April 21: Mommy 'N Me Playgroup (4 years and under) Meet at the Chattanooga Zoo 11 am - 1 pm. (Adults: \$6; ages 0-2: free; ages 3-15: \$3 - see coupon in Kids First Book) In case of rain, we will meet at Northgate play area.

Youth Ministry

Today: Camp Volunteer Planning Meeting at noon in MP room. Come ready to share theme ideas and finalized schedule. Contact Phil, Jana or Laura if you have questions.

Today: Parents of high school seniors meet in Room 252 at 12:30 pm for info on Senior Recognition to be held May 14.

Today: Begin sign up for Girl's Beach Retreat (June 1-6).

Today: Summer Camp organization meeting at 12 noon in MP room. Committees to be formed.

Today: High School - make dinner and play with kids at Room In The Inn following services.

April 7: Girls Bible Study at Jana's, 7:00-8:30 pm. Iris Thornberry and Karis Lieb's topic is "God Has Perfect Timing".

April 11-13: All Church Retreat at Camp Vesper Point.

April 13: All money due for Jr. Impact.

April 14: Girls Bible Study at Jana's, 7:00-8:30 pm. Jane Boozer's topic is "The Ripple Effect".

April 19: All Youth Work Day at Clear Creek, 10:00-1:00, then lunch together. Bring money for lunch.

April 20: High School Devo following services at Matt Dolberry's, \$2.

Young Adults

Wednesday Night Class in CAC Conference Room. The topic is "Practical Proverbs".

Sunday College Class meets in Room 253.



MEN OF COURAGE

It's time again for Men's softball! Any men interested in playing softball this year contact Nick Hughes or Quinton Skyles. This is a great time for fellowship and encouragement and maybe we can bring the championship trophy home again this year.

Wednesday Nights: "Measure of a Man" led by Lee Barton in the CAC conference room.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: Fridays at 6:30 am, MP room.

Support Groups Hixson hosts support groups for various addictions. Call Quinton for confidential info (653-7895).



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Sunday Ladies Bible Class in Room 256. Study on Moses taught by Kathy Holt.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study: Meets at 10 am in the Multi-Purpose room.

Wednesday Night Bible Study "Stepping Up, a Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent" by Beth Moore, in room 252. If you miss a DVD session, it can be downloaded to your computer for a charge of \$4.00. Contact Kathy Hannah at 718-3265 for info.

LIFE Group Ministry

LIFE Groups facilitate worship and praise of God, encourage close Christian fellowship, serve the church and community, and create a welcoming environment to evangelize the lost. Interested? Give **Bobby Hicks a call at 870-3104** or **Bill Warren at 226-6301.**

Please fill out a Member or Guest card or a Prayer Request card and place it in the contribution basket.

Thank you!

WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday (Boyd Buchanan)
Worship.....10:00 am

Sunday (Cloverdale Dr.)
Bible Class...1:00 pm
Worship.....2:00 pm

Sunday Evening:
Life Groups: Meet as scheduled

Wednesday Evening:

Fellowship Meal 5:15
(reservations needed)

Bible Study...6:30 pm

ATTENDANCE:

March 30 , 2008

Boyd Buchanan

Worship Attendance: 140

Hixson

Worship Attendance: 354

Bible Class: 301

Worship Total: 494

CONTRIBUTION:

2008 Weekly Budget Need: \$ 19,654

03/23/08 Giving: \$ 12,363.53

03/23/08 Building Fund: \$ 3,719.31

Budget to Date: \$ 250,160.04

Giving to Date: \$ 247,372.81

HIXSON SHEPHERDS:

Gary Carson
Roger Coffman
Bobby Golden
Larry Grant
Loyd Hodges
Phillip Lynn
Bob McGrath
Roy Ramsey
Dick Salisbury

MINISTRY STAFF:

Jim Beasley...Involvement Minister
Phil & Jana Cannon...Youth Ministers
Roger Coffman...Pastoral Care Minister
Laura Harbin...Children's Minister
Jake & Shelly Hendrix...Missions

Prayer Requests

Robert Beasley's sister Fay Emerson had a fall, is at home but is bedridden. Her address is 5201 Alabama Hwy 202, Anniston, AL 36201.

Reggie Cox, brother of **Nate Cox** had a heart attack and is in SICU at Parkridge.

Jim Cannon fell earlier this week and is recovering at home.

Maggie Green, mother -in-law of **Sheila Swink**, is recovering from a difficult surgery and is at Memorial in room 443.

Paula Harris, mother of **Heidi Stone**, had a mild heart attack recently. Her address is 1071 N. Wall Ave., Cookeville, TN 38501.

Charlene Smith, sister of **Mary McGrath**, in Booneville, Arkansas. She has pneumonia and fractured a rib.

Lecil Thurman, mother of **Juanita Beasley**, has been moved to rehab at Standifer Place.

Tom See, our church maintenance man, is now home and is doing better. Cards can be sent to 14 Woodard Circle, East Ridge, TN 37412.

Wayne Arthur, uncle of **Tim Arthur**, is at Kindred Hospital and doing well but still on a ventilator.

Crystal Hutching, friend of **Steve and Beth Perry**, has been diagnosed with cancer. She is a wife and mother of seven and needs our prayers.

Lisa Smith, cousin of **Sheila Swink**, is in final stage of cancer and lives in Fayetteville.

Andy Powers, friend of **Joy Hibbs**, has had a brain tumor recurrence. His address is: 4165 Gann Store Rd., Hixson, TN 37343.

Debbie Davis, mother of five children has pancreatic cancer. Please remember the family in prayer as well.

Gloria Pickle, aunt of **Betty Brasher**, has Alzheimer's that is progressing quickly. Please pray for her uncle Coleman who is having a difficult time caring for her.

Louise Weddington, mother of **Martha Hendrix**, is home again from the hospital but is weak and not doing well. Prayer is needed for her and her caregivers. (Care Group 2)

Please remember **Kim Rucker** in prayer and send her a card of encouragement. K.S. Rucker (41226-074), FCI Tallahassee, 501 Capital Circle NE, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

Ken Huntoon is at Moccasin Bend Hospital, Unit B Winston Building. Visitation is 10:30 to 8:30 pm daily. Please visit small groups of 2-4 people (ID 43269). His address: Moccasin Bend Hospital, Unit B, 100 Moccasin Bend Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37405

Please remember our men and women in the armed services.

CTRSN Lauren Cameron
USS Sterrett DDG 104
590 Washington St.
Bath, ME 04530

CMCA Campbell, Clay
NMCB FIVE (DET 10)
Unit 25304
FPO AP 96601-4971

April Birthdays!

6 - Brenda Brackett, Curtis Priest	21 - Deidra Benefield, Jillian Brewer
8 - Irene Buckner, Gracie Ring	22 - Jane Hodges, Julie McAlpin, Darlene Pittman
10 - Reuben Davis	23 - Brett Ellis, Curt Seiler
11 - Jamie Flanigan	24 - Robert Newcomb
12 - Glen Golden	25 - Robert Bain, Jakobe Miller
13 - Melanie Pope	27 - Pam Justus
14 - Gloria McConnell	28 - Jim Beasley, Steve Brown, Barbara Campbell, JoAnn Lane
15 - Suzanne Goins	29 - Judy Eblen, Dale Edmonds, Jacob Haustein
17 - Barbara Hill	30 - Riley Reagan, Howard Reasoner, Chris Wolfe
18 - Michaela Reagan	
19 - Jerica Bell, George Oleksik	
20 - Ivy Henderson, Claire Johnson	

Room In The Inn Meal

April 15: Holt/Seiler

April 22: G. Hannah/Horn

May 6: Parks/Coffman

April 6, 2008

Hixson

Opening Prayer: Larry Grant

Com. Message: Bob McGrath

Boyd Buchanan

Opening Prayer: Troy Bowman

Com. Message: Chuck Van Eaton

Nursery & Wee Worship Volunteers

April 6:

Nursery: G. & B. Oakley

Toddlers: E. Newcomb, J. Cannon

Wee Worship: M. & M. Pope
K. Warren

April 13:

Nursery: P. & M. Evelyn Lynn

Toddlers: Annette Wheeler
Cassie Hamilton

Wee Worship: Stacey Cole & Scott Miller
Lindsay Lane, B. Whitehorn

Order of Worship

Welcome

We Shall Assemble (718)
Before the Throne of God Above (insert)

Prayer

I Gave My Life for Thee (354)

Communion Message/Offering

No Tears in Heaven (882)

*Dismiss Wee Worship

Earth Holds No Treasure (884)

This World is Not My Home (957)

Sermon

Would You Be Poured Out? (655)

Announcements/Closing Prayer